

Upgraded CIMIS web site offers easier data retrieval

CIMIS announced in the Spring 2003 issue of *Update* that it was in the process of upgrading its web site. The upgraded and much improved web site was released to the public on February 17, 2004.

The new frameless web site replaces the old frame-based site in compliance with ADA and uses the advanced Struts development framework. The current technical architecture and system design will allow CIMIS to easily evolve and expand to meet future needs.

The upgraded web site has a completely different look and feel. Information from the old site has been updated, revised, and reorganized in a manner that makes navigation easier and more understandable.

In addition to updating, revising, and reorganizing information from the old site, the current site also contains new materials considered to be benefiVisit the CIMIS home page at http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov

cial to CIMIS data users. The updated and newly developed materials were reorganized under five distinct tabs: WELCOME, INFO CENTER, DATA, RESOUCE CENTER, and MY CIMIS. The names used for these tabs are self explanatory, and additional information regarding the contents of each tab can be obtained by clicking on the tab.

The new site has several new features that greatly improved the data retrieval process. One such feature is the addition of the MY CIMIS tab. MY CIMIS provides a single-click reporting mechanism. Therefore, it is an invaluable feature for those who retrieve data more frequently.

First time visitors to the MY CIMIS

tab need to create their profile by establishing Station Lists for which quick reports are to be produced. MY CIMIS then keeps track of their profile for next visits, requiring only a single click to generate a report. Users can add or remove a station to the list as needed.

CIMIS data users can also customize their report and specify their parameters and sensor types in MY CIMIS.

Once set in MY CIMIS, the preferences become default for the user.

The transition from the old to the new web site was flawless. The new web site can be accessed using the same URL address (http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov) as the old site.

As always, questions regarding the web site or CIMIS in general can be forwarded to the CIMIS staff listed below. Comments and suggestions are also welcome.

For more CIMIS information...

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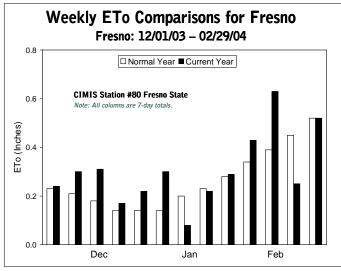


Chart shows ETo variation from normal over last three months.